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- 1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN PROPOSED SCHEDULING PACKAGE IN PARA 2 AND 3 REFTEL, AS WELL AS POSTPONEMENT OF CIFT, BUT STRONGLY OPPOSES A SECOND DEBT EXPERTS MEETING WITH A BROADER MANDATE.
- 2. WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH SCHEDULING AN 'OFFICIAL LEVEL' LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETING SEPTEMBER 5-7 TO PREPARE FOR THE TDB MINISTERIAL. IN THIS CONNECTION WE PRESUME THAT REVISED DATES FOR 17TH SESSION OF TDB (AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 3) STILL STAND AND THAT WHOEVER REPRESENTS THE U.S. AT THE REGULAR SESSION WILL HANDLE THE 'OFFICIAL LEVEL' PREPARATORY MEETING.

3. WE SIMILARLY CONCUR IN A DEBT EXPERTS MEETING JULY 8-

22 WHICH IS LIMITED STRICTLY TO 'REVIEWING' INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS ON DEBT. THIS, WE AGREE, IS A REASONABLE PRICE FOR POSTPONEMENT OF MINISTERIAL.

4. WE CONTINUE TO STRONGLY OPPOSE--AND CANNOT AGREE TO--A DEBT EXPERTS MEETING WITH A BROADER MANDATE AS SUGGESTED

IN PARA 4 REFTEL. IN OUR VIEW, A MEETING WITH A SCOPE BROADER THAN REVIEWING INTERNATIONAL ACTION ON DEBT EXCEEDS UNCTAD'S LIMITED MANDATE IN THIS AREA. ON THE OTHER HAND, TO SCHEDULE A SECOND MEETING ON DEBT ASPECTS WITHIN UNCTAD MANDATE WOULD ONLY DUPLICATE THE WORK OF THE PROPOSED JULY SESSION. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE SEEK B GROUP CONSENSUS AND SECRETARIAT AGREEMENT TO ONLY ONE DEBT EXPERTS MEETING WITH THE DATES AND LIMITED AGENDA AS NOW PROPOSED BY UNCTAD.

5. WITH REGARD TO THE EXPERTS MEETING ON INTERDEPENDENCE WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THIS WILL SERVE TO EXPAND UNCTAD'S MANDATE IN THE MONETARY AREA. HOWEVER, WE STILL DO NOT CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH A MEETING AND QUESTION ITS UTILITY, AS WELL AS THE BASIS ON WHICH IT IS BEING SCHEDULED. WE NOTE THAT TOB DECISION 144(16) DOES NOT EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZE A GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS MEETING BUT SPEAKS ONLY OF THE UNCTAD SECRETARY GENERAL KEEPING THE PROBLEM OF INTERDEPENDENCE UNDER CONTINUOUS REVIEW QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF HIGH LEVEL EXPERTS APPOINTED BY GOVERNMENTS AS APPROPRIATE UNQUOTE. BEFORE WE CAN COMMIT OURSELVES TO ATTENDING A MEETING OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS ON THIS POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME SUBJECT, WE WOULD LIKE A CLEARER VIEW OF WHAT IT INTENDS TO ACCOMPLISH AND WHETHER THE SECRETARIAT RIGHTFULLY CAN SCHEDULE AN EXPERTS MEETING AS SUCH BASED ON THE SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS WORKING DECISION 144(16).

6. GIVEN THAT OUR PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES ARE POSTPONEMENT OF THE MINISTERIAL AND HAVING ONLY ONE DEBT EXPERTS MEETING WITH A LIMITED MANDATE, OUR INTENTION AT THIS POINT IS NOT TO PROVOKE A PROCEDURAL OR SUBSTANTIVE CONTROVERSY ON THE QUESTION OF AN INTERDEPENDENCE EXPERTS SESSION. YOU SHOULD HOWEVER EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS ON THIS QUESTION AND KEEP OPEN OUR EVENTUAL POSITION ON ATTENDANCE. VANCE

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